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SATURN QUEEN,
COSMIC KING and
LIGHTNING LORD
in *"The TRIUMPH
of the LEGION
of SUPER-
VILLAINS!"*

WE'VE DESTROYED YOUR
FELLOW-MEMBERS OF THE
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!
YOU'RE NEXT, **SUPERBOY!**
BEHOLD YOUR **TOMBSTONE!**

GASP! MY
LEGIONNAIRE FRIENDS...
ALL DEAD! WHAT TERRIBLE
WEAPON WILL THESE
SUPER-VILLAINS USE
AGAINST ME?



TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES



THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE, IN THE 30TH CENTURY, THE MIGHTY MEMBERS OF THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** ARE FAMED AS THE GREATEST CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE! BUT NOW COMES THE SHATTERING NEWS THAT THE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN **EXPELLED** ON VARIOUS CHARGES! YET THERE ARE EVEN **GREATER SHOCKS** IN STORE WHEN THE **SUPER-HEROES** ARE REPLACED BY THE MOST INFAMOUS CRIMINALS IN THE COSMOS, AND IT SEEMS NOTHING CAN PREVENT...

The
**TRIUMPH
OF
THE LEGION OF
SUPER-VILLAINS!**

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THE LEGION IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF DYNAMO-BOY, WHO IS SECRETLY VORM, OF THE SPACE PIRATE PACK! HAVING FRAMED THE OTHER SUPER-HEROES TO GET THEM OUT OF THE LEGION, HE NOW INTERVIEWS NEW APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP...



WHO ARE YOU?

I AM --- GOLDEN BOY!

NEXT APPLICANT, ADVANCE AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

SUPERHERO CLOSHOUSE

IF YOU... ER... DON'T MIND, I WON'T REVEAL MY NAME JUST YET! FIRST I'LL DEMONSTRATE MY TRULY UNFORGETTABLE SUPER-POWER!

SEE? I HAVE THE REMARKABLE ABILITY OF BEING ABLE TO CHANGE ANYTHING INTO GOLD! GOOD, EH?

I, AND I ALONE, CAN PROPEL FUMES FROM MY HORNS THAT ARE SO... ER... UNPLEASANT TO OTHERS, THAT SPACE VILLAINS WILL GLADLY KEEP AWAY FROM EARTH TO AVOID ME! I'M THE POLECAT!

PHREW!- REJECTED!!!

AFTER THE AIR CLEARS, AND THE TESTS RESUME...

I AM ANIMAL LAD! I CAN TURN HUMANS INTO BEASTS... OR MAKE WILD CREATURES TAME! SEE? I TURNED THAT FELLOW INTO A BEAR, BUT I'LL MAKE HIM HUMAN AGAIN, AT ONCE!

ROTTEN! YOUR MIDAS TOUCH WOULD PRODUCE SO MUCH GOLD, THAT METAL WOULD SOON BECOME WORTHLESS! ONLY ITS RARITY MAKES GOLD VALUABLE! - REJECTED!!

HMM... NOT BAD, BUT BEFORE APPROVING HIM, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST KNOW...





BUT HAVE NO FEAR! WE HAVE REFORMED! WE'VE JOURNEYED INTO THE PAST BECAUSE WE WANT TO JOIN THE LEGION NOW... AT A TIME WHEN WE WON'T BE KNOWN AS CRIMINALS!

I ALONE CAN SEE THE PURPLE AURAS ABOUT THEM! MY SECRET TEST REVEALS THEY'RE LYING! BUT I'M GLAD!

THEY'RE THE KIND OF MEMBERS I WANT!!

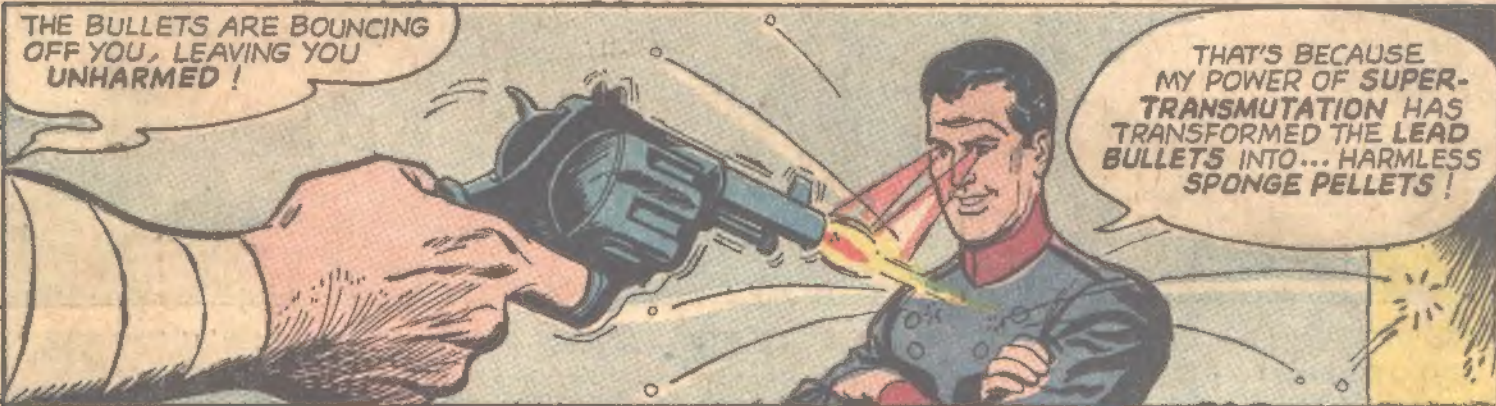
DEMONSTRATE YOUR MIGHTY ABILITIES!

HERE... TAKE THIS ANCIENT 20TH-CENTURY WEAPON WHICH I BROUGHT FOR THIS PURPOSE! FIRE ITS BULLETS AT ME!



THE BULLETS ARE BOUNCING OFF YOU, LEAVING YOU UNHARMED!

THAT'S BECAUSE MY POWER OF SUPER-TRANSMUTATION HAS TRANSFORMED THE LEAD BULLETS INTO... HARMLESS SPONGE PELLETS!



HOW DID YOU EVER GET THAT TERRIFIC ABILITY, COSMIC KING?

I WAS AN ALCHEMIST ON THE PLANET VENUS, SEEKING TO DISCOVER A RAY WHICH COULD CHANGE ANY OBJECT'S ATOMIC STRUCTURE...

"...WHEN, ONE DAY..."

IT WORKS! I'VE TRANSFORMED A FLOWER INTO A JEWEL BY ALTERING ITS MOLECULAR STRUCTURE!

"SOON AFTERWARD, I SUFFERED A DIZZY SPELL AND STUMBLED INTO THE FANTASTIC RAY..."

CHOKE!... WH-WHAT WILL THE RAY DO TO ME? WILL IT KILL ME??



"TO MY JOY, I DISCOVERED..."

HA, HA! WHEN I CONCENTRATED AND WILLED IT, RAYS FROM MY EYES TURNED THE WATER IN THIS GLASS INTO MERCURY... I'VE BECOME A LIVING TRANSMUTATION RAY!! I'LL BE ACCLAIMED EVERYWHERE!



"BUT WHEN I TOLD ALL OF VENUS THE ASTOUNDING NEWS..."

WE VENUSIANS CONSIDER TRANSMUTATION... EVIL! GET OFF THIS WORLD AND NEVER COME BACK!

I'LL GO TO EARTH!... SCORN ME, WILL THEY? I'LL SHOW THEM, SOME DAY!



EMBITTERED, I JOINED THE LEGION OF SUPER-VILLAINS ON EARTH! BUT I NOW REALIZE THAT CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

IF YOU'LL PLEASE BRING SOME WORTHLESS OBJECT OUT OF THE CLUBHOUSE, I'LL DEMONSTRATE MY SUPER-POWER!



SHORTLY...

SINCE CHAMELEON BOY IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE LEGION, THIS STATUE OF PROTY I, HIS FIRST PROTOPLASMIC PET... WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE TO RESTORE LIGHTNING LAD TO LIFE... IS USELESS! WOW! YOU'RE BLASTING IT TO FRAGMENTS WITH ELECTRICAL BOLTS, LIGHTNING LORD!



THERE'S QUITE A STRONG RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN YOU AND LIGHTNING LAD!

THERE SHOULD BE! I'M HIS BROTHER! ONE DAY, ON THE PLANET KORBAL...



"... WE TWO, WITH OUR SISTER, LANDED OUR SPACE-FLIER, TO RECHARGE ITS POWER..."

HERE COME THE LIGHTNING MONSTERS!

IF WE CAN GET THEM TO DISCHARGE THEIR BOLTS AT THE ANTENNA ON OUR FLIER, IT'LL RECHARGE THE ENERGY CELLS!



"THE TRICK FAILED! THE MONSTERS DISCHARGED THEIR BOLTS... BUT AT US!"



"HOWEVER, THE MONSTERS' BOLTS NEUTRALIZED EACH OTHER, CREATING A FORCE-FIELD THAT GAVE US EVEN GREATER LIGHTNING POWERS THAN THE MONSTERS! LIGHTNING LAD USED HIS POWERS FOR GOOD! I SECRETLY USED MINE FOR EVIL!"



"I'LL TAKE THIS VALUABLE NECKLACE! MY BOLTS HAVE STUNNED HER!"

"THAT FALLING GIRDER... I'LL BLAST IT!"

WHEN OUR FAMILY CAME TO EARTH, MY BROTHER JOINED THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! LATER, MY SISTER JOINED, TOO... THOUGH HER POWER HAS SINCE BEEN CHANGED TO A NEW ONE AND SHE IS NOW LIGHT LASS! I TURNED TO CRIME! BUT YEARS LATER, AFTER SERVING A JAIL SENTENCE AS AN ADULT, I REFORMED!

NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWERS!



MOMENTS AFTERWARD ...

YAA-AAAAA! THE SUN IS FALLING! IT'S HUGE! W-W-E'LL BE BURNED TO CINDERS. SATURN QUEEN!

HA, HA! DON'T BE AFRAID! THAT'S A MANIFESTATION OF MY SUPER-HYPNOTIC POWER TO CREATE AMAZING HALLUCINATIONS!



THEN ... THERE! I'VE CANCELLED THE HALLUCINATION! YOU SEE, I'M FROM SATURN, WHICH IS CRIME-FREE, AND WHERE EVERYONE CAN PERFORM AMAZING MENTAL FEATS! AFTER JOURNEYING TO EARTH, I GAVE IN TO THE DESIRE TO BECOME A SUPER-CRIMINAL! NOW, I'VE REFORMED!

YOU'LL ALL MAKE GREAT LEGION MEMBERS!

GREAT CROOKED ONES ... HA, HA!



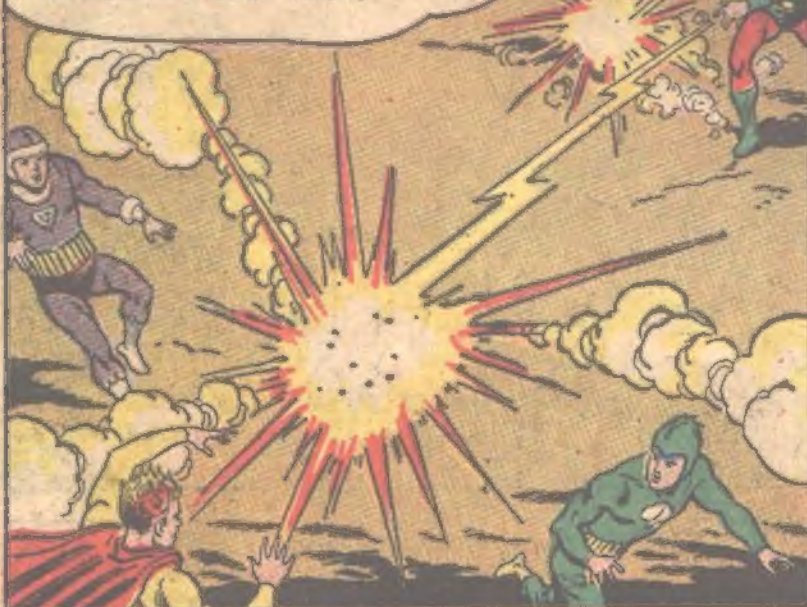


BETTER SURRENDER! I'M CHLOROPHYL KID AND I CAN MAKE ANY VEGETATION GROW SUPER-FAST!

I AM POLAR BOY! GIVE UP, OR I'LL INCREASE THE FRIGIDITY OF MY SUPER-COLD RADIATIONS! AND FIRE LAD'S FIERY BREATH WILL PUT THE HEAT ON YOU!



HA, HA! LIGHTNING LORD FEARS NO ONE! MY LIGHTNING BOLTS ARE SHATTERING THE GREAT WEEDS! THEY CAN DO THE SAME TO YOU!



MY SUPER-STRENGTH ONLY FUNCTIONS WHEN THERE IS NO SUNLIGHT! AFTER THIS SHADOW-BOMB BLOTS OUT THE SUN'S RAYS TEMPORARILY, I'LL CAPTURE YOU AND YOUR RASCALLY FRIENDS!



THINK SO, NIGHT GIRL?

AIEE! Y-YOU'RE GLOWING AS BRIGHTLY AS SUN BOY! IN THAT SOLAR GLARE, I HAVE NO SUPER-STRENGTH!

CHUCKLE — LITTLE DOES SHE KNOW MY SUPER-BRILLIANCE IS ANOTHER OF MY HALLUCINATIONS! SHE HASN'T LOST HER POWER... BUT SHE THINKS SHE HAS!



SUDDENLY, AS DYNAMO-BOY FLASHES IN...

BEAT IT, "SUBSTITUTE LEGION", BEFORE I HAVE THE SCIENCE POLICE ARREST YOU! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF LEGION REJECTS WHO ARE INTERFERING WITH AUTHENTIC LEGIONNAIRES!

I DON'T BELIEVE THOSE VILLAINS HAVE REFORMED, DYNAMO-BOY!



IF THEY REALLY WERE VILLAINOUS, I COULD REFORM THEM EASILY, WITH MY SUPER SKILLS! ANYWAY, THAT'S MY BUSINESS... NOT YOURS!...

BUT ACCORDING TO THE SUPER-HERO CLUB CONSTITUTION, ONLY TEEN-AGERS CAN BELONG!

NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF YOUR CONCERN, BUT I AMENDED THE LEGION CONSTITUTION SO ADULTS CAN JOIN! NOW SHOVE OFF, REJECTS! KEEP OUT OF SUPER-HERO AFFAIRS!

CHOKE!!
OKAY...

SHORTLY, INSIDE THE LEGION OF SUBSTITUTE HEROES' CLUBHOUSE, WITHIN A MOUNTAIN...

I'M SO... ASHAMED! ALL WE DID WAS MAKE FOOLS OF OURSELVES!

MAYBE WE ACTED SO FOOLISHLY BECAUSE WE ARE JUST... CHOKE!!... FEEBLE IMITATIONS OF THE REAL LEGION! REMEMBER, WE WERE ALL REJECTED WHEN WE TRIED TO JOIN THE LEGION! THAT'S WHY WE FORMED OUR OWN CLUB!

MEANWHILE, WITHIN THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE...

WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING AT US? IT'S UNKIND, AS WELL AS PUZZLING!

HA, HA! YOU CAN DROP THOSE GOODY-GOODY AIRS! BECAUSE OF A SECRET DEVICE, I'VE KNOWN FROM THE VERY START THAT ALL THREE OF YOU ARE AS VILLAINOUS AS EVER!

THEN, AS DYNAMO-BOY REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT HIMSELF...

... AND I'M EVEN MORE CROOKED THAN YOU! HA, HA! HERE'S THE PITCH, PALS! DURING THE DAYTIME, WE'LL DO GOOD DEEDS, SEE? BUT AT NIGHT... HA, HA!... IT'LL BE A DIFFERENT TALE!

WE'LL SECRETLY ROB THE WHOLE UNIVERSE TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT! AND NOBODY WILL SUSPECT US... THE CLEAN, UPRIGHT, NOBLE... LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! HA, HA!

HA! HA!

HA!

HA!

END OF PART I.



TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

PART II

HE DID IT! VORM OF THE SPACE PIRATE PACK HAS MADE THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES HIS OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY! HE HAS OUSTED THE NOBLE LEGIONNAIRES AND REPLACED THEM WITH SOME OF THE WORST SUPER-VILLAINS OF ALL TIME! A GREAT TRIUMPH FOR VORM... ALIAS DYNAMO-BOY, EH? BUT WAIT! HE WHO PLAYS WITH FIRE MAY GET BURNED! AND THAT'S JUST WHAT HAPPENS TO DYNAMO-BOY WHEN HE BECOMES TARGET NUMBER ONE OF...

"THE REVOLT OF THE SUPER-VILLAINS!"

BAH! LOOK AT DYNAMO-BOY... THE TOAST OF THE SPACE PIRATE PACK ON THE PIRATE PLANETOID!

THEY THINK HE'S GREAT BECAUSE HE TOOK OVER THE SUPER-HERO LEGION! BUT WHO'S DOING ALL THE SUPER-STEALING FOR HIM? US!

LET THE YOUNG FOOL HAVE HIS MOMENT OF GLORY! SOON, THE LEGION WILL BE ALL OURS... AND OURS ALONE!

JUST AS DYNAMO-BOY HAD PLANNED, THE NEW LEGIONNAIRES DO GOOD DEEDS DURING DAYLIGHT...

YII! WE'RE DOOMED! THE RIVER OVERFLOWED! WE'LL DROWN!

LOOK! HERE COMES COSMIC KING!

DON'T FRET, FRIENDS! BEHOLD! I HAVE TRANSMUTED THE MENACING WATERS INTO HARMLESS STEAM! GLAD TO ASSIST!

HOORAY FOR COSMIC KING! HOORAY FOR THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!!

BUT THAT VERY NIGHT ...

HA, HA ! I HAVE TRANSMUTED THAT VALUABLE NEW INVENTION INTO AN ANTI-GRAVITY METAL ! IT'S CRASHING OUT THROUGH THE LAB WINDOW TOWARD ME -- WHICH SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF BREAKING IN TO STEAL IT !



NEXT DAY ...

GASP ! THIS IS THE GREATEST ELECTRICAL STORM THAT EVER HIT METROPOLIS ! THOSE MASSIVE BOLTS ARE WRECKING BUILDINGS ! THE DAMAGE MAY RUN INTO THE MILLIONS !

WAIT ! LOOK AT THAT LEGIONNAIRE ... !

SENSATIONAL ! LIGHTNING LORD IS DUELING THE STORM'S BOLTS WITH THE SUPER-BOLTS FROM HIS MIGHTY FORM !

AND HE'S WINNING ! HE'S CONQUERING THE STORM ! THREE CHEERS FOR LIGHTNING LORD !

SHORTLY, AFTER NIGHTFALL ...

HA, HA ! THESE LOW-FREQUENCY BOLTS ARE RENDERING THE GUARDS IN THIS SUPER-SCIENCE MUSEUM UNCONSCIOUS, THOUGH THEY WON'T BE REALLY HARMED. THAT GADGET THEY'RE GUARDING WAS TO BE DISPLAYED FOR A FEW DAYS ... ! BUT THEY CAN'T STOP ME FROM TAKING IT, NOW !



AND A FEW DAYS LATER ...

HELP, SATURN QUEEN ! THAT MADMAN IS RUNNING AMOK WITH A RAY-GUN ! HE'LL KILL US ALL !

I'LL BRING HIM UNDER CONTROL WITH MY SUPER-HYPNOTISM !

YOU ARE CALM, GENTLE ... ! I COMMAND YOU TO GIVE ME THAT RAY-GUN, IMMEDIATELY !

TAKE IT, PLEASE ! I'M SORRY IF I FRIGHTENED ANYONE !

ISN'T SATURN QUEEN MARVELOUS ? THAT RAVING MANIAC IS NOW MEEK AS A LAMB !





BUT WHEN DARKNESS DESCENDS...

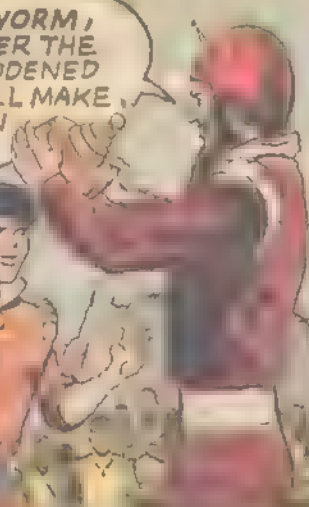
HA, HA! I'VE LURED THIS RARE JEWEL-BIRD OF GEMOVIA OUT OF THE SPACE ZOO, BY CREATING AN HALLUCINATION OF ITS MISSING MATE, WHICH IT'S PURSUING! GOT IT! NOW I'LL LET THE ILLUSION VANISH!



LATER, AS DYNAMO-BOY, ALIAS VORM, TRAVELS TO THE PIRATE PLANETOID...

VORM, YOUR GLORIOUS VICTORY OVER THE EX-LEGIONNAIRES HAS GLADDENED MY HEART! THIS CROWN WILL MAKE YOU SECOND ONLY TO ME IN COMMAND! DON IT!

I AM OVERWHELMED! BUT...



OFF WITH YOUR HELMET! ON WITH THIS CROWN YOU OFFERED SO GRACIOUSLY TO ME!

YIIII! NO!!



ICK-ICK! ICK!

HA, HA! THAT CROWN TRANSFORMS ITS WEARER, BY SCRAMBLING HIS BRAIN-WAVES, INTO A MINDLESS IDIOT! OBVIOUSLY, FEARING MY CLEVERNESS, HE WANTED TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY SO I COULDN'T REPLACE HIM! BUT I OUTWITTED HIM! HA, HA!

BACK ON EARTH, DYNAMO-BOY TRACES HIS LEGION CRONIES TO A CAR BEAN ISLE, WHERE...

WHAT'S THIS?

BRAVO, VORM!

BECOME OUR NEW LEADER!

HAIL, VORM THE SUPREME!

MY THANKS, FRIENDS! PERHAPS I'LL ACCEPT THE LEADERSHIP LATER! I'M RETURNING TO EARTH NOW! MY WORK WITH THE LEGION ISN'T FINISHED!

STANLEY AM THE VORM'S PLR-HENES

MR. LIES SUPERBOY

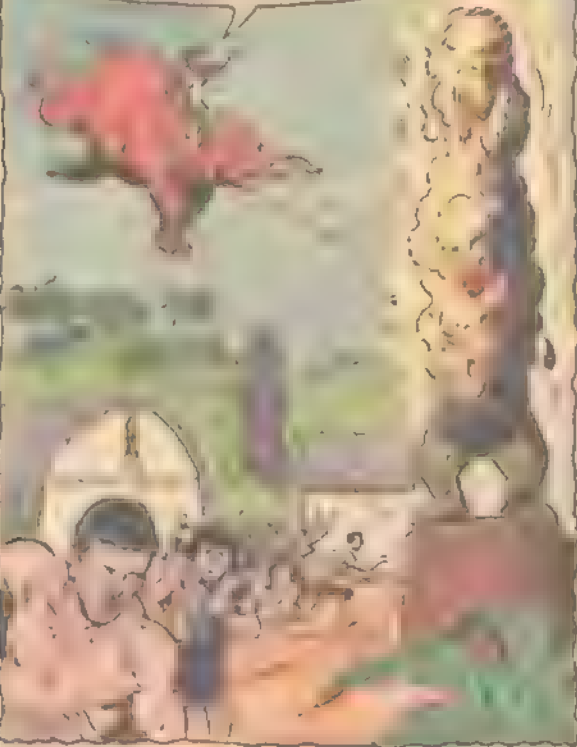
A LOT HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE AWAY!





"SATURN QUEEN USED HER MENTAL
POWER TO LET A MATTER-DISSOLVER
BEAST TO BE BORN, WHICH I ATTACHED
SOME ISLANDERS NEAR HERE..."

ATTACK, MY PRECIOUS PET!
DESTROY! DESTROY!!!



"JUST AS WE PLANNED, THE EX-LEGIONNAIRES SPED THERE TO
SAVE THE NATIVES - THEN..."

HA, HA, HA! AT MY
MENTAL COMMAND,
THE BEAST HAS
DESTROYED ALL THE
LEGIONNAIRES
EXCEPT SUPERBOY!

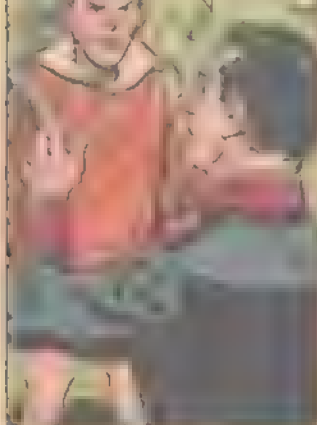


AS LIGHTNING LORD
ENDS HIS STORY...



TOO BAD
SUPERBOY
STILL LIVES!

LOOK!
HERE HE
COMES,
NOW!



WE'VE DESTROYED YOUR FELLOW-
MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-
HEROES! YOU'RE NEXT, SUPERBOY!
BEHOLD YOUR TOMBSTONE!

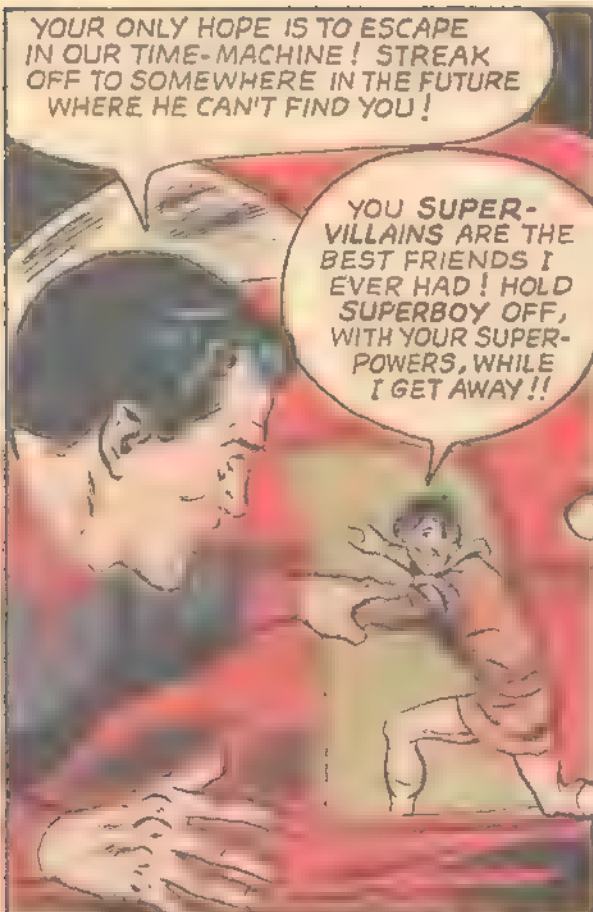


YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR
THIS, DYNAMO-BOY! I --
MAKE YOU PAY FOR THE
DEATH OF MY FRIENDS!

I'LL DESTROY
YOU, WITH MY POWER-
BELT! BURK! IT'S
GONE!

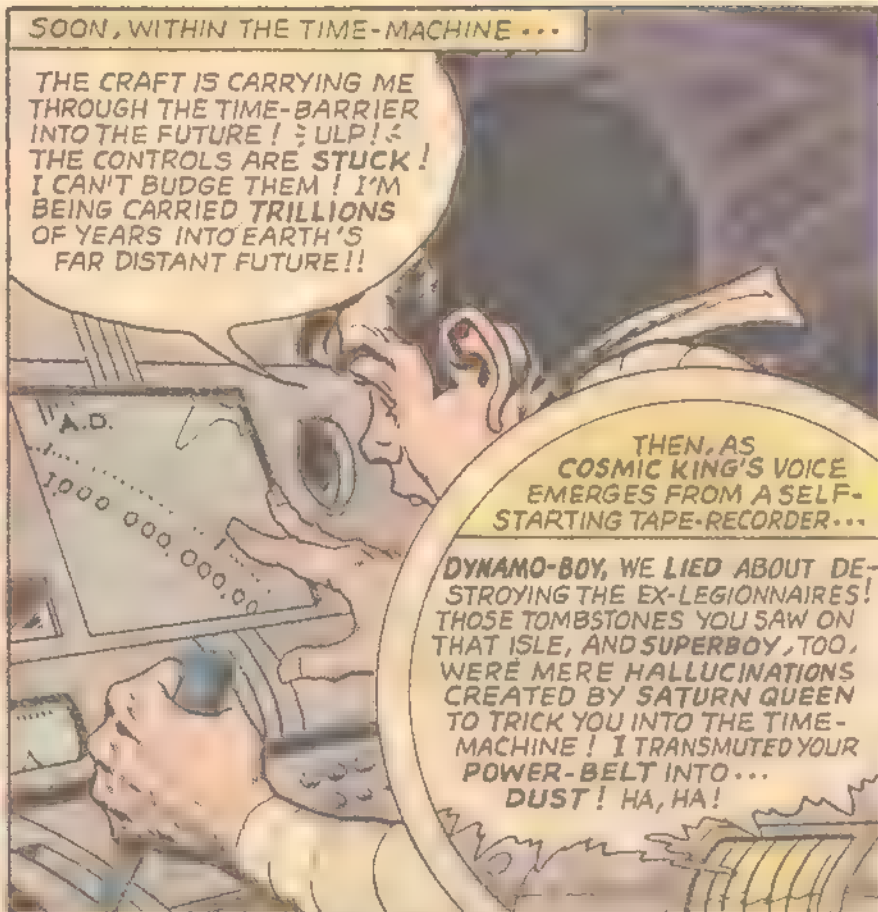


PERHAPS
SUPERBOY
REMOVED IT
AT SUPER-
SPEED AND
DESTROYED
IT!



YOUR ONLY HOPE IS TO ESCAPE
IN OUR TIME-MACHINE! STREAK
OFF TO SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE
WHERE HE CAN'T FIND YOU!

YOU SUPER-
VILLAINS ARE THE
BEST FRIENDS I
EVER HAD! HOLD
SUPERBOY OFF,
WITH YOUR SUPER-
POWERS, WHILE
I GET AWAY!!



SOON, WITHIN THE TIME-MACHINE ...

THE CRAFT IS CARRYING ME
THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER
INTO THE FUTURE! ULP!
THE CONTROLS ARE STUCK!
I CAN'T BUDGE THEM! I'M
BEING CARRIED TRILLIONS
OF YEARS INTO EARTH'S
FAR DISTANT FUTURE!!

THEN, AS
COSMIC KING'S VOICE
EMERGES FROM A SELF-
STARTING TAPE-RECORDER...

DYNAMO-BOY, WE LIED ABOUT DE-
STROYING THE EX-LEGIONNAIRES!
THOSE TOMBSTONES YOU SAW ON
THAT ISLE, AND SUPERBOY, TOO,
WERE MERE HALLUCINATIONS
CREATED BY SATURN QUEEN
TO TRICK YOU INTO THE TIME-
MACHINE! I TRANSMUTED YOUR
POWER-BELT INTO...
DUST! HA, HA!



WE RIGGED THE MACHINE'S
CONTROLS SO YOU'LL BE TAKEN
TO A FAR DISTANT ERA, WHEN
EARTH IS UNINHABITED AND THE
SUN IS DYING OUT! NOW THE
SUPER-HERO LEGION IS ALL
OURS! WHO NEEDS YOU?
HA, HA, HA!

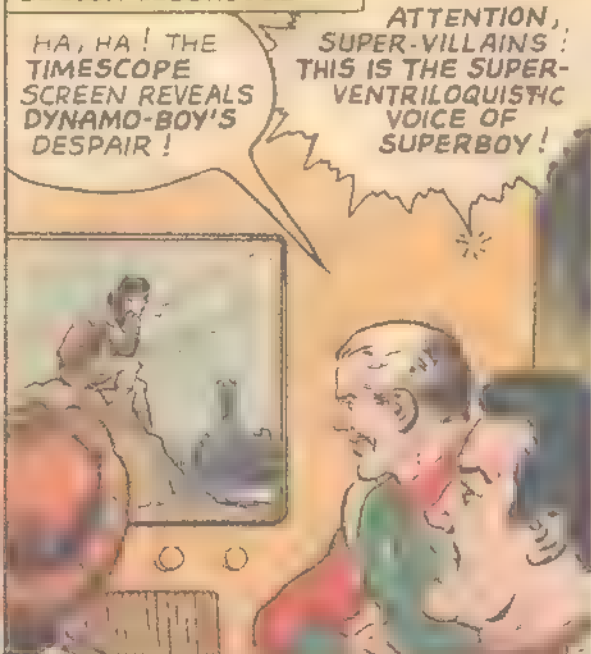
YOU
DOUBLECROSSING
RATS!

AS THE CRAFT SUDDENLY STOPS AND DYNAMO-BOY EMERGES...



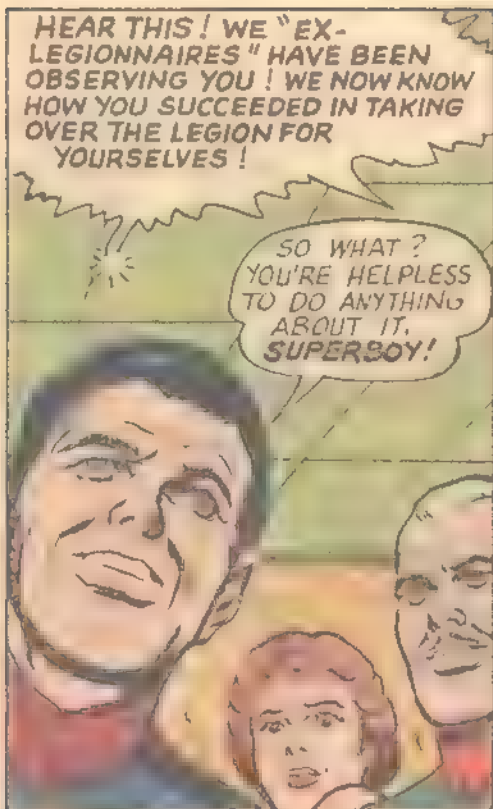
CHOKE!
I'M ALONE...
DOOMED...

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE 30TH CENTURY,
AS THE SUPER-VILLAINS RETURN TO THE
LEGION CLUBHOUSE ...



HA, HA! THE
TIMESCOPE
SCREEN REVEALS
DYNAMO-BOY'S
DESPAIR!

ATTENTION,
SUPER-VILLAINS!
THIS IS THE SUPER-
VENTRILOQUISTIC
VOICE OF
SUPERBOY!



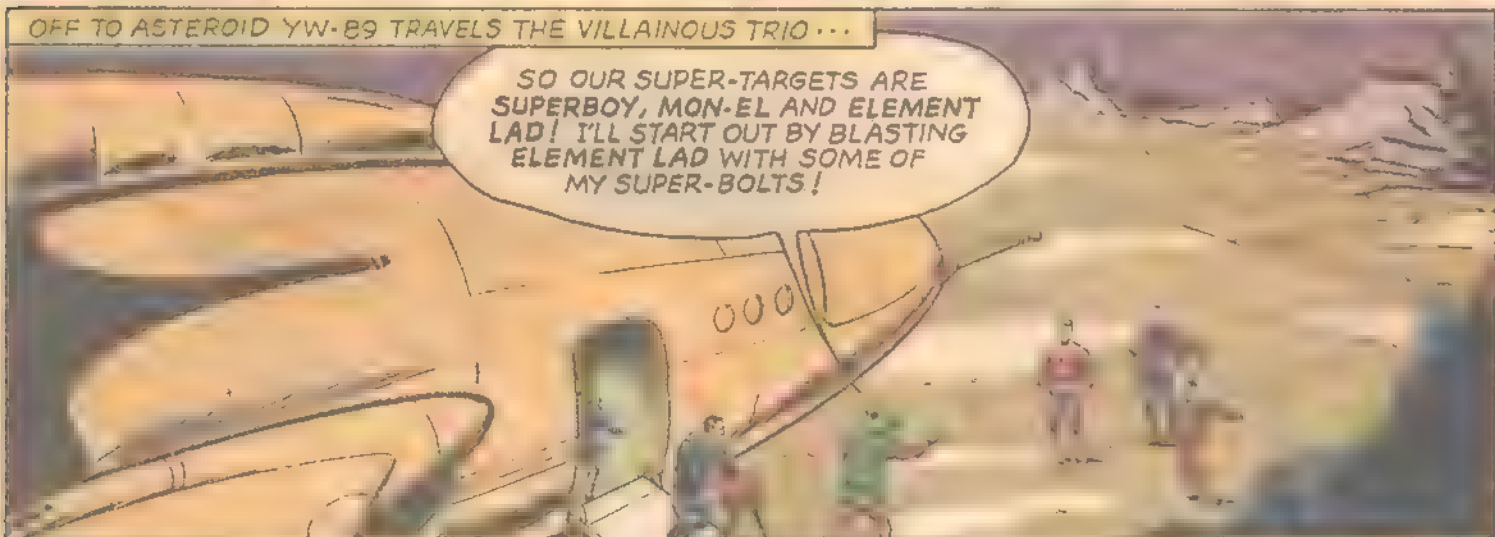
SO WHAT? YOU'RE HELPLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, SUPERBOY!



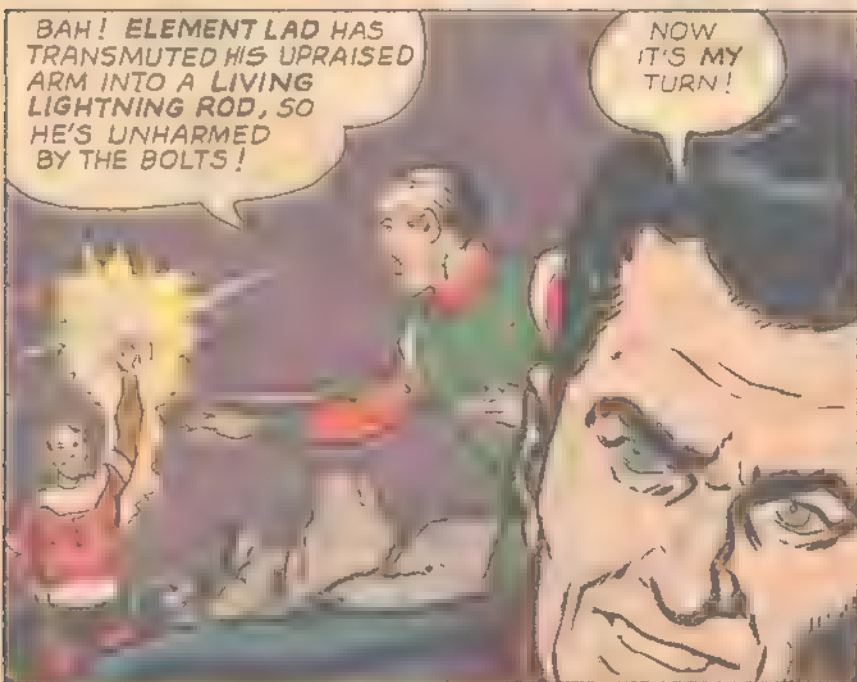
SPEAK ON! YOUR CHALLENGE MAY PROVE... HA, HA! ... ENTERTAINING!



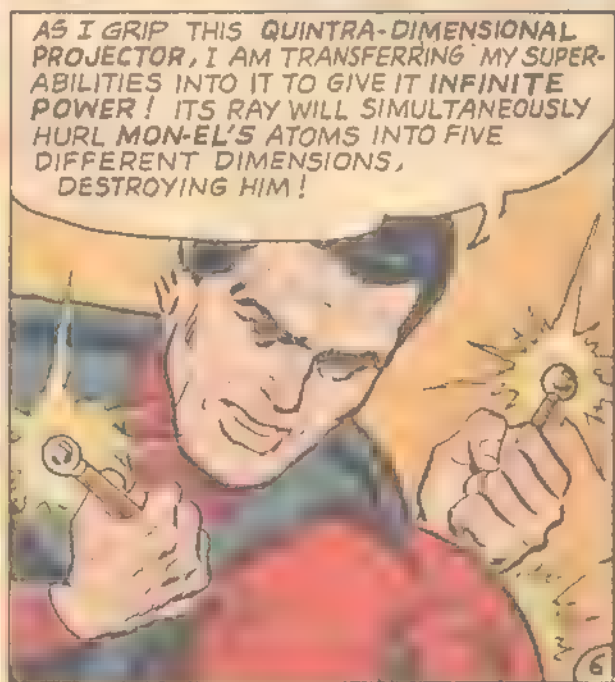
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! WE KNOW YOU'LL KEEP YOUR WORD--JUST AS WE KNOW WE'LL DESTROY YOU!

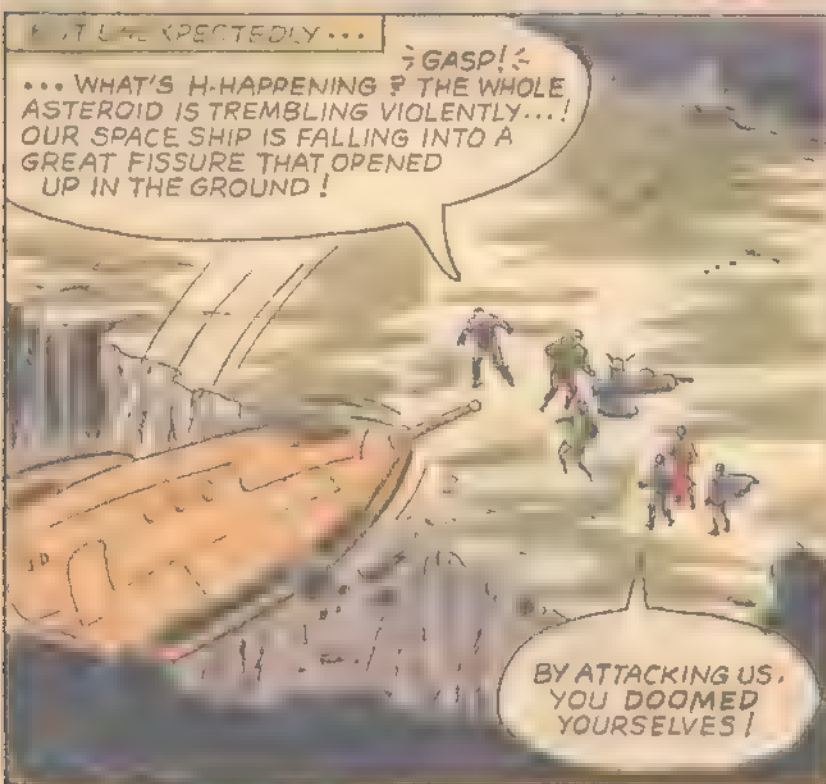
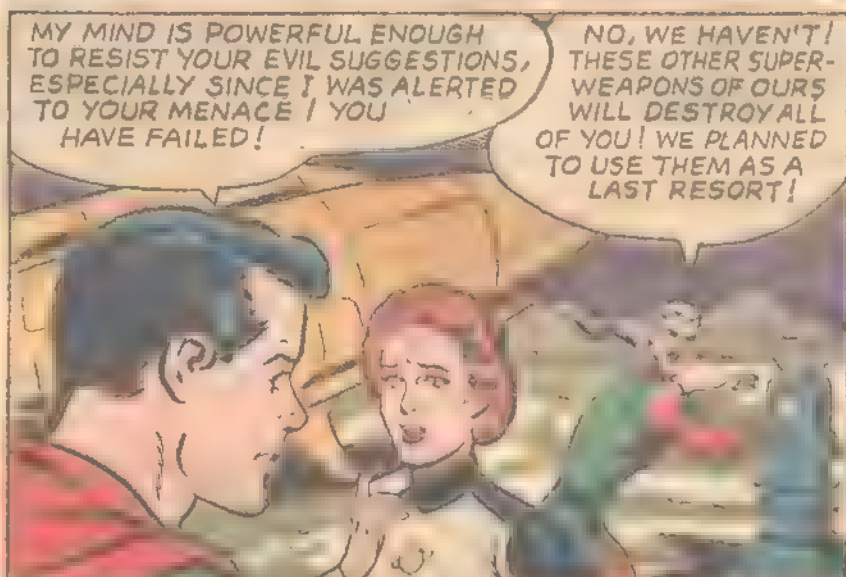
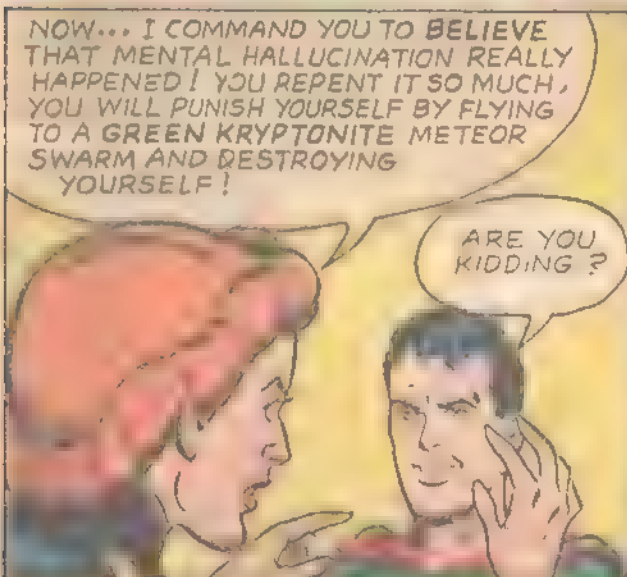
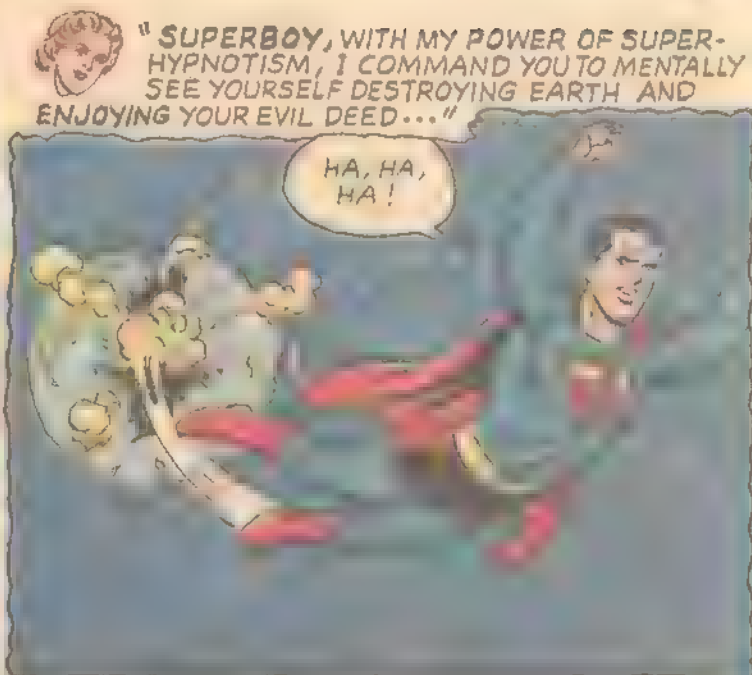
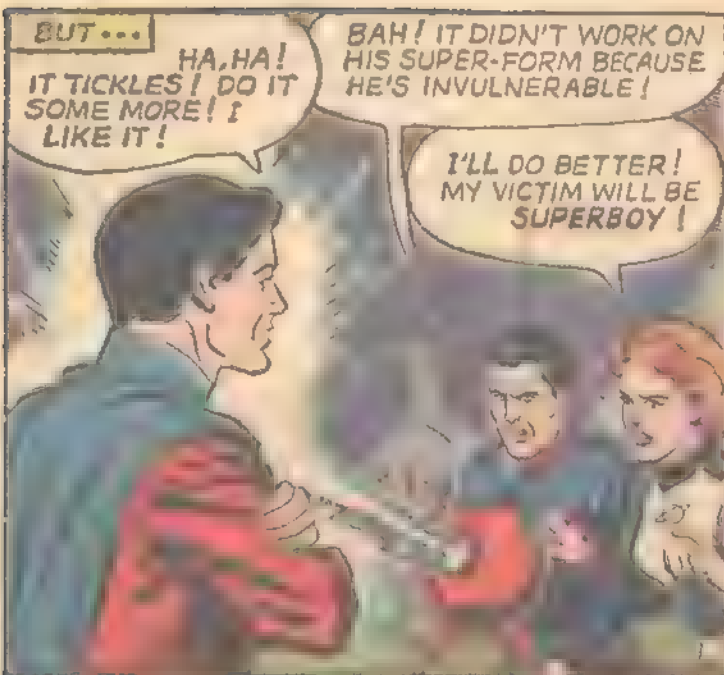


SO OUR SUPER-TARGETS ARE SUPERBOY, MON-EL AND ELEMENT LAD! I'LL START OUT BY BLASTING ELEMENT LAD WITH SOME OF MY SUPER-BOLTS!



NOW IT'S MY TURN!



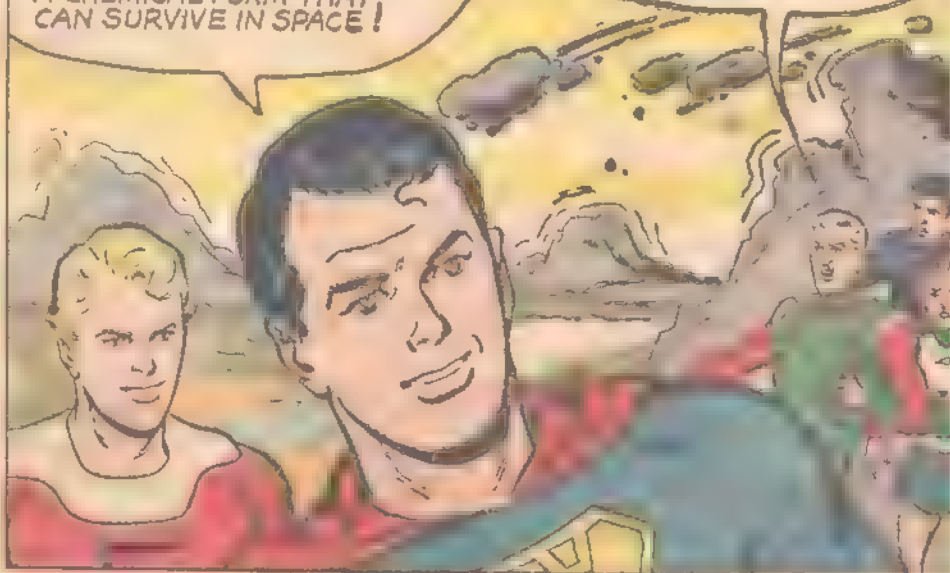


I USED MY POWER OF SUPER-TRANSMUTATION TO ALTER THE ATOMS OF THIS WORLD IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IF YOU VILLAINS USED YOUR SUPER-POWERS, THEIR ENERGY WOULD SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION THAT WOULD CAUSE THIS PLANET TO EXPLODE, AS KRYPTON DID! IT'S TOO LATE FOR EVEN COSMIC KING'S TRANSMUTATION POWER TO STOP IT NOW!

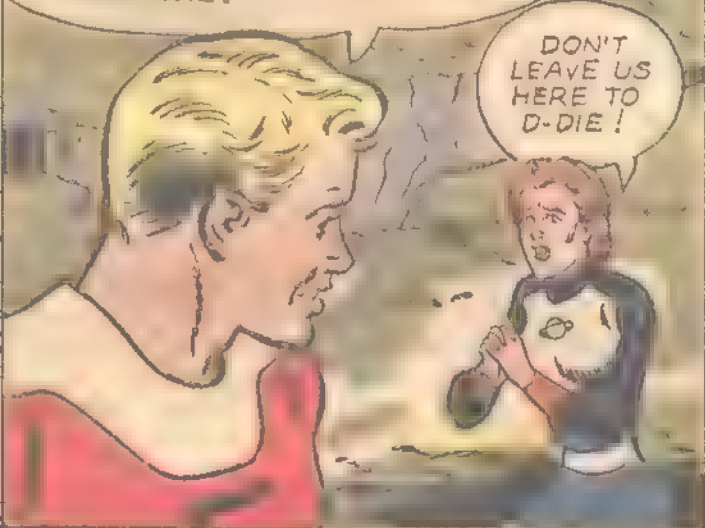


AND NOW WE THREE MUST BE GOING! ELEMENT LAD WILL TRANSMUTE HIMSELF INTO A CHEMICAL FORM THAT CAN SURVIVE IN SPACE!

BLAST YOU! YOU GAVE YOUR WORD YOU WOULDN'T RESIST!



AH, BUT WE DIDN'T RESIST! IT WAS YOUR OWN SUPER-POWERS THAT TRIGGERED THE CHAIN-REACTION... SO YOU'LL BE DESTROYED BY YOUR OWN EVIL!



DON'T LEAVE US HERE TO D-DIE!

HERE COMES A SPACE POLICE CRAFT, AS I ARRANGED! SURRENDER TO THEM, OR PERISH HERE!

WE SURRENDER!!!

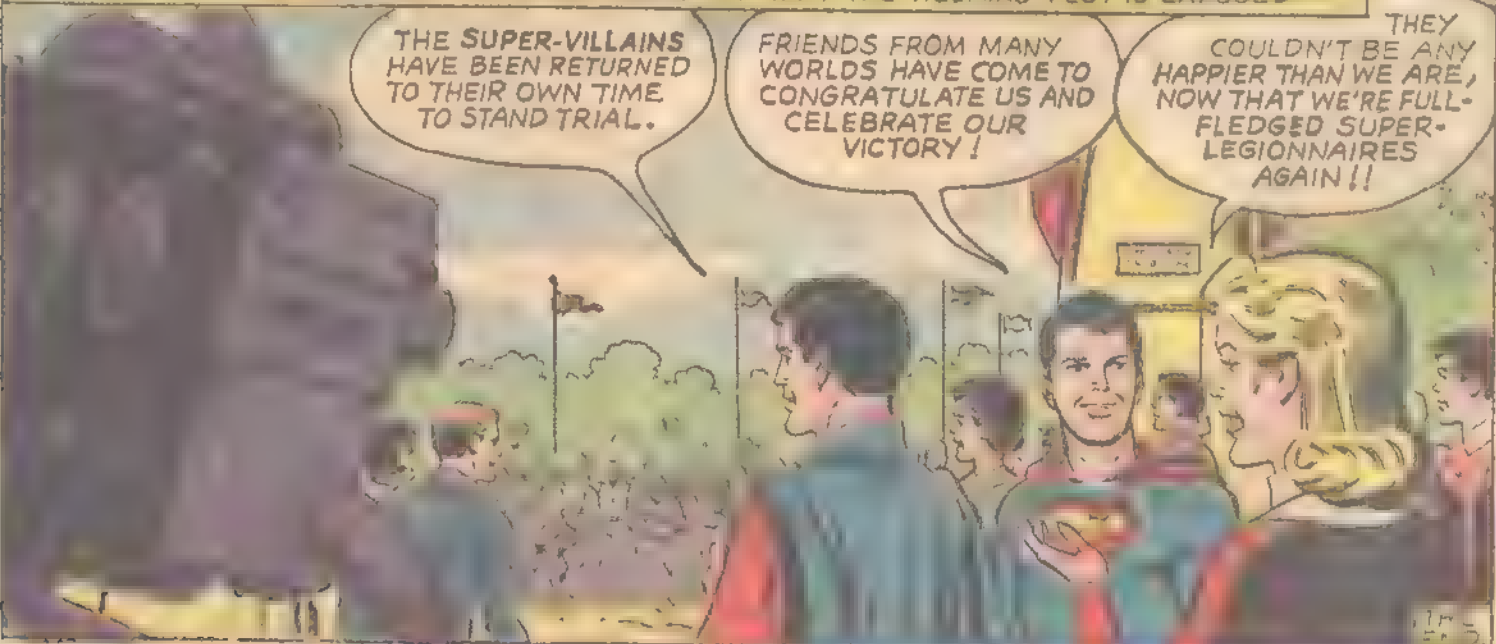


LATER, ON EARTH, THERE IS GREAT REJOICING, NOW THAT THE VILLAINS' PLOT IS EXPOSED...

THE SUPER-VILLAINS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR OWN TIME TO STAND TRIAL.

FRIENDS FROM MANY WORLDS HAVE COME TO CONGRATULATE US AND CELEBRATE OUR VICTORY!

THEY COULDN'T BE ANY HAPPIER THAN WE ARE, NOW THAT WE'RE FULL-FLEDGED SUPER-LEGIONNAIRES AGAIN!!



SUPERBOY

A HALL OF FAME CLASSIC

CLEVERLY, ALL THESE YEARS, SUPERBOY HAS MAINTAINED THE SECRET GUISE OF TIMID CLARK KENT--THE OPPOSITE OF HIS TRUE DYNAMIC SELF! BUT IMAGINE WHAT TROUBLE ARISES WHEN THE BOY OF STEEL MUST HELP CLARK KENT CONQUER HIS "WEAKNESSES"! AND WHO ELSE BUT LANA LANG, ALWAYS SEEKING TO UNCOVER HIS DOUBLE IDENTITY, WOULD THINK OF SUGGESTING SUPERBOY AS...

CLARK KENT'S COACH

I'LL BE WATCHING TO SEE THAT YOU CARRY OUT MY WISH, **SUPERBOY!** COACH POOR CLARK KENT TILL HE IS NO LONGER A TIMID WEAKLING!



GOSH, I CAN'T GET OUT OF IT... YET HOW CAN I PLAY BOTH PARTS--**SUPERBOY AND CLARK KENT?**

ONE MORNING, HIGH ABOVE THE STREETS OF SMALLVILLE...

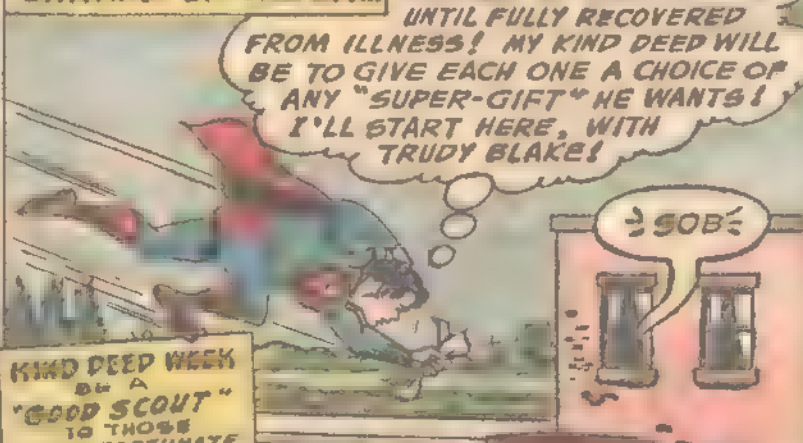
THE AUTHORITIES GAVE ME THE FULL LIST OF ADDRESSES I NEEDED! I'LL STOP AT EVERY ONE WITHOUT FAIL, AND CLEAR UP THE ENTIRE MATTER!



WHY IS **SUPERBOY** IN SUCH A HURRY? IS HE ABOUT TO ROUND UP A GANG OF CRIMINALS?

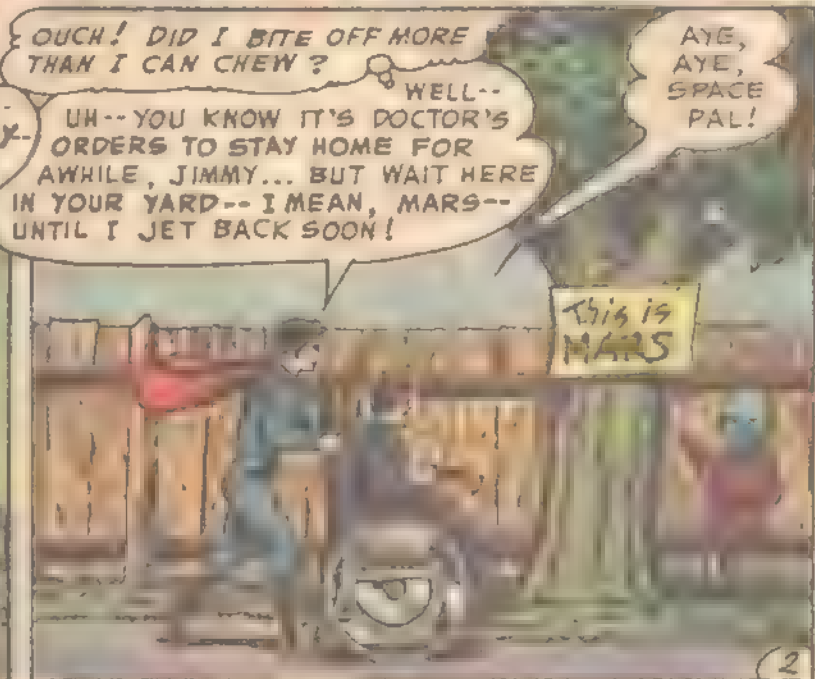
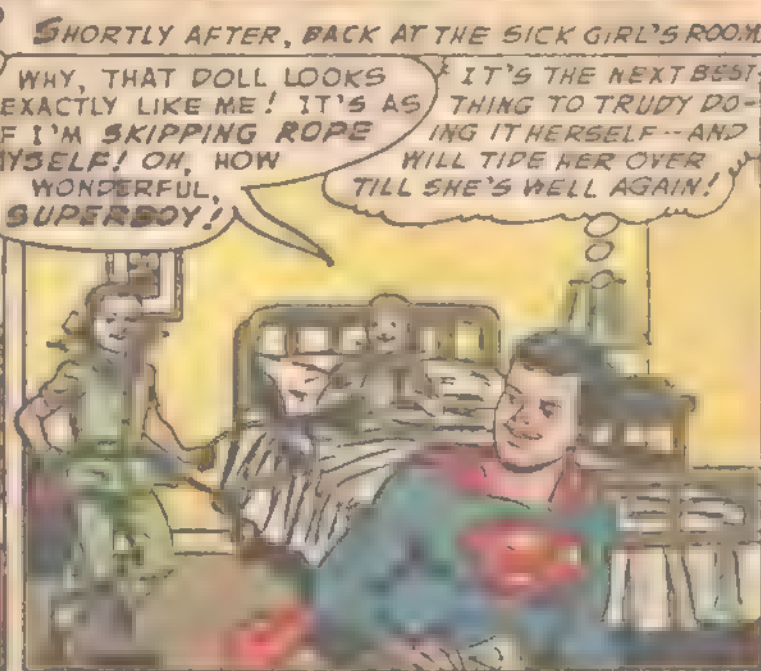
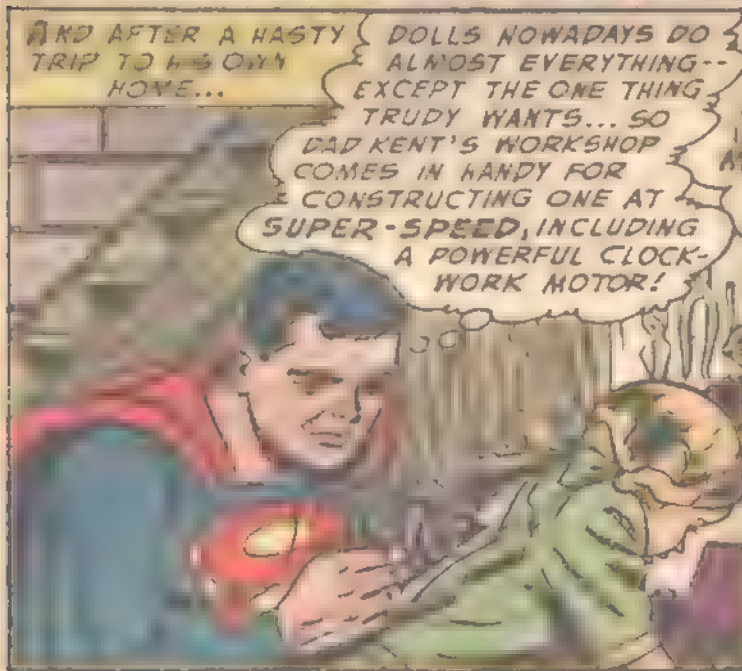
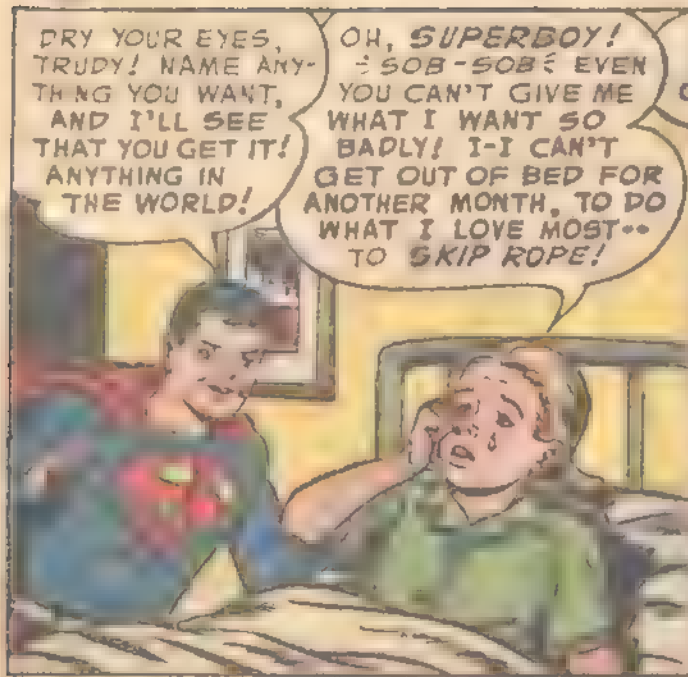
NO-- FAR FROM IT, THE **BOY OF STEEL** IS SETTING OUT ON AN ERRAND OF CHEER...

THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES LISTED ALL YOUNGSTERS IN TOWN WHO ARE BEDRIDDEN, COOPED IN THEIR ROOMS UNTIL FULLY RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS! MY KIND DEED WILL BE TO GIVE EACH ONE A CHOICE OF ANY "SUPER-GIFT" HE WANTS! I'LL START HERE, WITH **TRUDY BLAKE!**



KIND DEED WEEK OR A "GOOD SCOUT" TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

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FOLLOWING A QUICK TRIP TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...

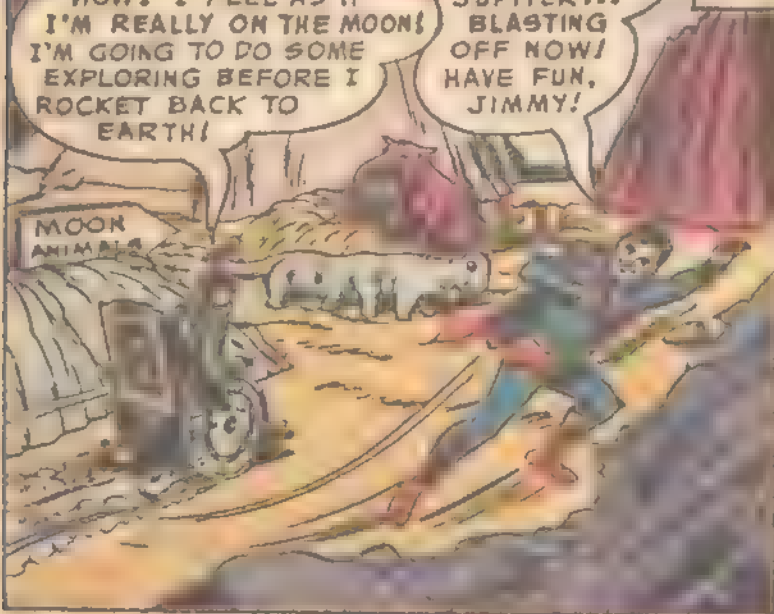
I WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO USE THIS LOT ACROSS THE STREET FROM JIMMY'S HOUSE! FIRST I'LL CHURN UP THIS LANDSCAPE!



SO ONCE AGAIN, A YOUNG INVALID FINDS HIS HEART'S DESIRE...

WOW! I FEEL AS IF I'M REALLY ON THE MOON! I'M GOING TO DO SOME EXPLORING BEFORE I ROCKET BACK TO EARTH!

S.O.S. FROM JUPITER... BLASTING OFF NOW! HAVE FUN, JIMMY!



...THEN CONVERT IT, BY SUPER-MOLDING, INTO A MOONSCAPE! NEXT, I'LL ADD SOME DUMMY ANIMALS!



IN HIS IMAGINATION, JIMMY WILL BE ON THE "MOON" FOR THE REST OF HIS CONFINEMENT! BUT WHEN I WONDER IF I'LL RUN INTO ANY REQUESTS MORE UNUSUAL THAN THAT?



SOME DO PROVE MORE UNUSUAL, AS KIND DEED WEEK GOES ON-- BUT SUPERBOY FULFILLS THEM ALL FOR SMALLVILLE'S SHUT-INS...

LITTLE JEANNIE SURE ENJOYS THESE FUNNY-FACE CONTORTIONS!

BUDDY WILL SEE A STRONG MAN ACT THAT HE'LL NEVER FORGET!

BEING A BASEBALL FAN, BOBBY ASKED ME TO CATCH "FLIES" THAT I KNOCK 100 MILES UP IN THE AIR!



BUT YOU'RE SOON TO RUN INTO THE MOST UNUSUAL REQUEST OF ALL, **SUPERBOY**...

LANA LANG IS RECUPERATING FROM A COLD, AND SHE'S NEXT ON MY LIST!

HI, LANA! NAME YOUR FONDEST DESIRE, AND I'LL FULFILL IT IF I CAN!

WELL... GOSH-- I REALLY CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING I WANT FOR MYSELF! BUT MAYBE YOU CAN HELP MY OLD FRIEND, CLARK KENT! I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM, BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SO TIMID!

IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY TO SEE HIM GAIN MORE COURAGE-- SO WILL YOU GIVE HIM A GOOD PEP TALK, TO BOLSTER UP HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE, **SUPERBOY**?

I'LL... ER... DO MY BEST, LANA!

UNDER LANA'S SHARP EYE, **SUPERBOY** FLIES INTO THE KENT HOME, WHERE...

I'LL STAY A SHORT TIME, AS IF GIVING CLARK HIS "PEP TALK"! I WONDER, THOUGH... IS THIS ANOTHER OF LANA'S TRICKS TO PIN DOWN MY DOUBLE IDENTITY? WHAT LITTLE SCHEME HAS SHE COOKED UP THIS TIME?

AND PRESENTLY, UPON RETURNING TO LANA...

I GAVE CLARK A GOOD PEP TALK, LANA, AS YOU ASKED ME TO DO!

BUT HE MIGHT FORGET IT, **SUPERBOY**! WE MUST HELP HIM OVERCOME HIS TIMIDITY BY HAVING HIM PERFORM SOME ACTUAL DEEDS!

FOR INSTANCE, WHY NOT ENCOURAGE CLARK TO HELP MRS. BARTON MOVE OUT HER OLD FURNITURE? YOU CAN SECRETLY HELP HIM LIFT THE HEAVY PIECES SO THAT HE'LL THINK HE'S REALLY GETTING STRONGER, AND GAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE!

I'VE EVEN FIGURED OUT HOW YOU CAN DO IT! FROM HIGH IN THE AIR, OUT OF SIGHT, YOU CAN LOWER A WIRE SO THIN THAT IT'S INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE... AND YOU CAN HOOK AND ELEVATE ANY BIG PIECE THAT CLARK TRIES TO CARRY!

SUPERBOY

CLARK KENT



ADVENTURE COMICS



I'LL BE WATCHING IT ALL WITH BINOCULARS! HELPING CLARK IS THE BEST GOOD DEED YOU CAN DO FOR ME. **SUPERBOY!**

YES-- BECAUSE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN LANA'S FONDEST DREAM TO PIN DOWN MY SECRET IDENTITY! WITH HER HIGH-POWERED GLASSES, SHE EXPECTS TO SEE CLARK LIFTING FURNITURE **WITHOUT** THE AID OF A WIRE--SO I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOME PREPARATIONS!

PRESENTLY, HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS...

THE SUPER-STRONG WIRE THREAD I MADE WILL DANGLE DOWN, AS IF I'M HOLDING IT UP HERE!--AND I JUDGED THE BREEZE SO THAT THE SUPPORTING BALLOON WILL DRIFT DIRECTLY OVER MRS. BARTON'S YARD JUST WHEN CLARK OFFERS HIS HELP!

SURE ENOUGH, AFTER SWITCHING TO HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY...

WHY, CLARK-- HOW NICE OF YOU TO HELP ME! BUT DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF!

HERE'S THE HOOK, RIGHT ON TIME! LANA WILL SEE THE WIRE WITH HER BINOCULARS, AND THINK **SUPERBOY** IS MANEUVERING IT, FROM THE CLOUDS! WILL SHE BE SURPRISED!

NOW, TO TOP OFF THE ACT-- I'LL SAY, LOUD ENOUGH FOR LANA TO HEAR...

GOSH! I'M REALLY STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT, JUST LIKE **SUPERBOY** SAID!

THEN, UPON RETURNING HOME...

THE BALLOON DRIFTED ON, TAKING THE WIRE ALONG--AS IF **SUPERBOY** FLEW OFF WITH IT! THAT TAKES CARE OF LANA AND HER "KIND" DEED!

BUT LANA ISN'T FINISHED YET, AS **SUPERBOY** DISCOVERS WHEN HE GOES BACK TO HER ROOM...

WELL, YOU'VE DONE YOUR GOOD DEED, LANA-- MAKING CLARK LESS TIMID! SEE YOU LATER...

WAIT, **SUPERBOY**! CLARK NEEDS MORE THAN THAT LITTLE BIT OF ENCOURAGEMENT, AND... OH, LOOK--WHAT LUCK! CLARK CAN BE A REAL HERO NOW, BY RESCUING THAT CAT FROM A TREE!



I CAN'T REFUSE, SINCE IT'S ALL PART OF MY "GOOD DEED" TO LANA!

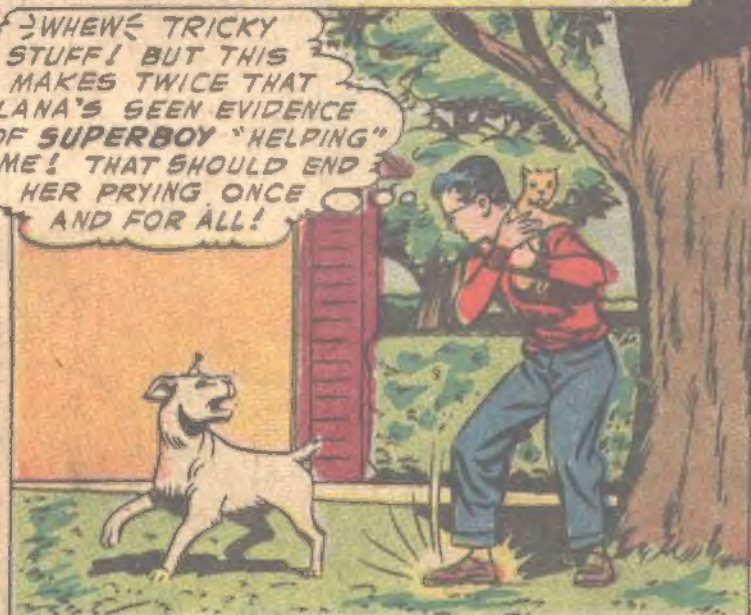
SO AWHILE LATER, AS IF AT SUPERBOY'S URGING, CLARK KENT EMERGES, AND...

PRETTY CLEVER OF LANA! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE TOO WEAK TO CLIMB THIS TREE WITHOUT A SECRET BOOST FROM SUPERBOY! BUT LANA IS WATCHING THE LEAVES... IF THEY DON'T FLUTTER, IT MEANS NO SUPER-BREATH IS BEING USED!



AND WHEN HE RETURNS TO THE GROUND...

WHEW! TRICKY STUFF! BUT THIS MAKES TWICE THAT LANA'S SEEN EVIDENCE OF SUPERBOY "HELPING" ME! THAT SHOULD END HER PRYING ONCE AND FOR ALL!

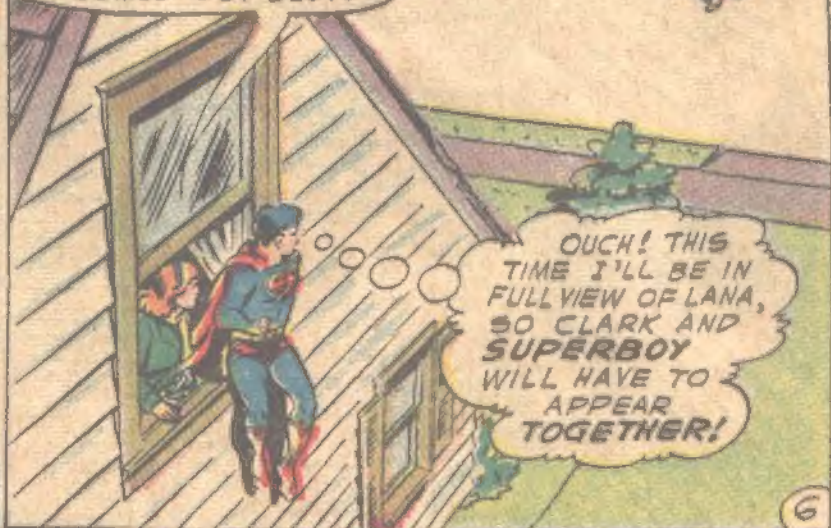
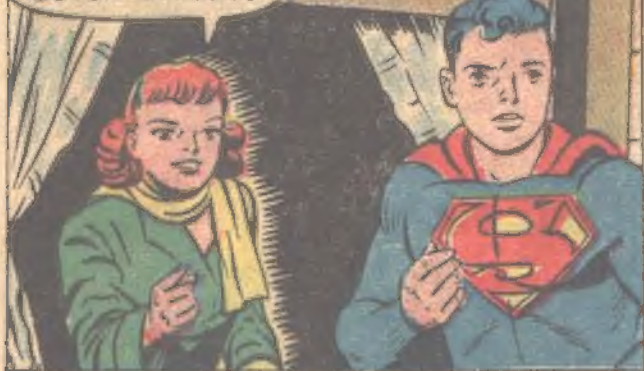


BUT LANA DOESN'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY...

GOOD WORK, SUPERBOY-- CLARK IS CERTAINLY IMPROVING-- BUT FOR GOOD MEASURE, LET'S BOLSTER HIS COURAGE ONCE MORE! GET CLARK TO CALL THE BLUFF OF A BRAGGING BULLY WHO JUST MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD-- BUTCH BAILEY!

OH NO!

HERE COMES BUTCH NOW! URGE CLARK TO DEFY HIM, SUPERBOY-- THEN YOU CAN HIDE BEHIND THOSE BUSHES AND MAKE SURE THAT CLARK COMES OUT BEST!



MOMENTS LATER, IN DAD KENT'S WORKSHOP...

I'VE USED THIS **SUPERBOY DUMMY** ROUTINE BEFORE--BUT I'VE NEVER HAD TO MAKE ONE SO LIFELIKE! *IT MUST BE PERFECT IN ALL DETAILS, TO FOOL LANA, WHO'LL BE WATCHING CLOSELY!

*THIS HAPPENED BEFORE **SUPERBOY** PERFECTED HIS ROBOTS -- Editor.

NEXT INSTANT...

A BLAST OF **SUPER-BREATH** SENDS THE DUMMY INTO PLACE, AS IF IT FLEW THERE! TO LANA, IT'LL LOOK AS IF **SUPERBOY** IS CROUCHING THERE MOTIONLESSLY, WHEN CLARK APPEARS TO CHALLENGE THE BULLY!

AND SOON AFTER, AS CLARK EMERGES...

WELL, IF IT AIN'T CLARK KENT! I HEARD ABOUT YOU, THE BIGGEST WEAKLING IN TOWN! HA, HA!

YOU THINK SO, BUTCH? THEN LET'S SEE YOU DO SOMETHING I CAN'T DO!

HUH-- THAT'S EASY! LET'S SEE YOU BREAK A BIG STICK-- LIKE THIS! YOU PROBABLY COULDN'T EVEN CRACK IT... HA, HA!

WHAT IF I BROKE **TWO** STICKS THAT SIZE...



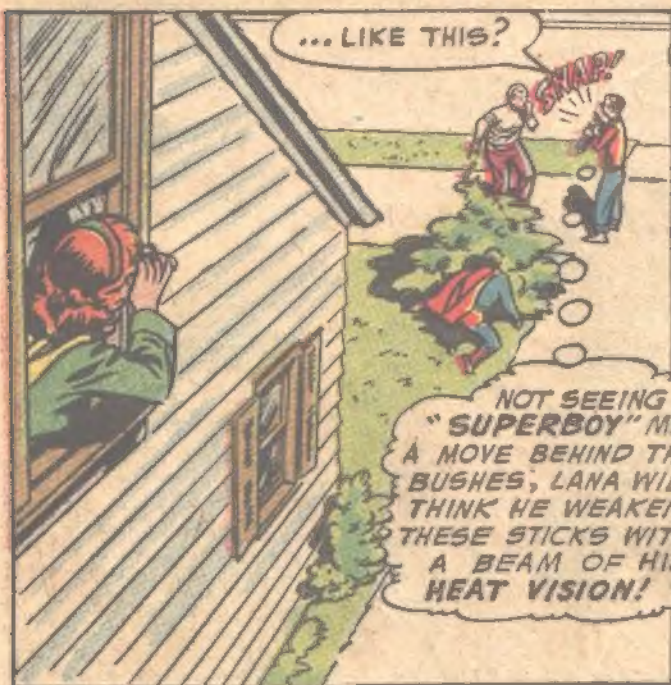
...LIKE THIS?

G-GOSH... YOU'RE STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT! I--I WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN, CLARK... I PROMISE!

AND DON'T TRY TO BULLY OTHER KIDS EITHER, OR I'LL PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF YOU!

AT LEAST LANA'S SCHEME DID SOME GOOD BY TAMING THAT BULLY! I HOPE SHE'S CONVINCED NOW THAT **SUPERBOY** AND CLARK KENT ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE!

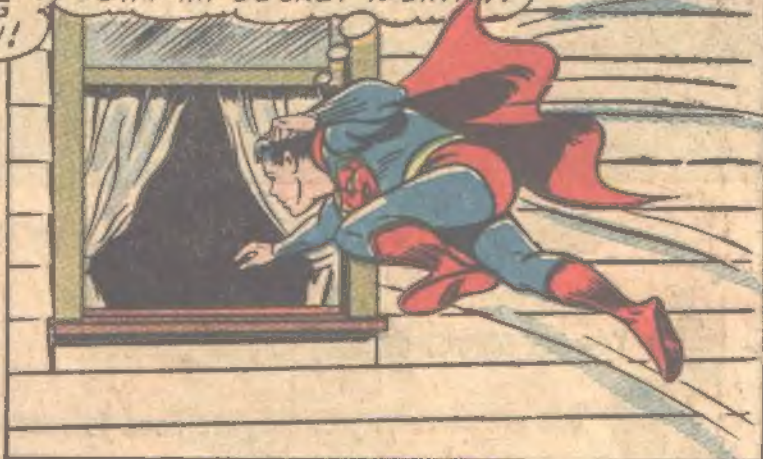
NOT SEEING "SUPERBOY" MAKE A MOVE BEHIND THE BUSHES, LANA WILL THINK HE WEAKENED THESE STICKS WITH A BEAM OF HIS HEAT VISION!



BUT BACK IN THE WORKSHOP, SUPERBOY GETS HIS BIGGEST JOLT OF ALL...

GREAT SCOTT! I MADE A SUPER-MISTAKE BEFORE! I PUT THE DUMMY'S LEFT HAND WHERE THE RIGHT SHOULD BE, AND VICE-VERSA! LANA'S SHARP EYE, WITH THE AID OF BINOCULARS, MUST HAVE SEEN THAT ERROR CLEARLY, PROVING THIS THING WAS A DUMMY!

WELL--I MAY AS WELL GO FACE THE MUSIC, AND TRY TO TALK MY WAY OUT OF IT... THOUGH I'M AFRAID SHE HAS ME LICKED THIS TIME! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, LANA HAS FINALLY PINNED DOWN MY SECRET IDENTITY!



HAS SHE? THEN EXPLAIN THIS SCENE THAT FOLLOWS, BACK IN LANA'S ROOM...

LANA, YOU'RE CRYING! BUT WHY?

THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY! DID YOU SEE HOW CLARK BRAVELY STOOD UP TO THAT BULLY? OH, SUPERBOY-- I'VE WANTED TO SEE THAT CHANGE IN CLARK ALL MY LIFE! THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING HIM OVERCOME HIS TIMIDITY!



QUITE A STUNNING SURPRISE, EH, SUPERBOY?...

GOSH! THE INVISIBLE WIRE-- THE SUPER-BREATH "BOOST"-- THE DUMMY SUPERBOY... ALL THOSE COVER-UPS WERE WASTED EFFORT! LANA WASN'T AFTER MY SECRET AT ALL... SHE WAS REALLY TRYING TO DO CLARK A KIND DEED!



YOUR GOOD DEED WILL ALSO MAKE ME GET WELL FASTER, SUPERBOY! I'M SO HAPPY FOR CLARK'S SAKE... I JUST HOPE HE LOST HIS TIMIDITY FOR GOOD!

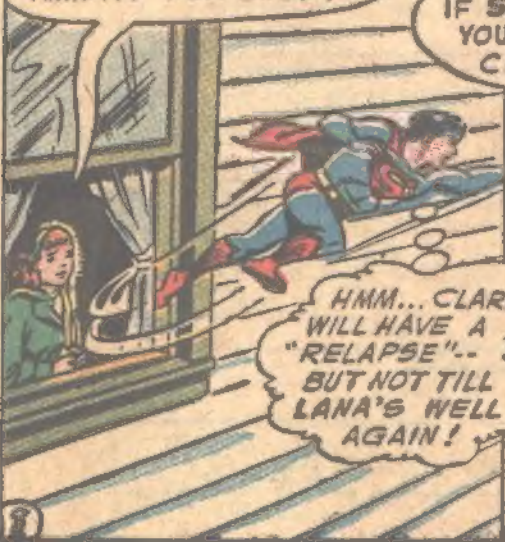
AND SO, WHEN LANA IS FULLY RECOVERED...

OH, CLARK! SCARED BY A MERE BARKING DOG AGAIN! YOU'RE RIGHT BACK TO YOUR OLD TIMID WAYS! WELL, IF SUPERBOY CAN'T CHANGE YOU, I SUPPOSE NOTHING CAN! I GIVE UP!

BUT I DON'T REALLY CARE, CLARK! TIMID OR NOT, I LIKE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE-- AND ALWAYS WILL!

THANKS, LANA-- YOU'RE A REAL TRUE FRIEND!

AND I REALLY MEAN THAT!



HMM... CLARK WILL HAVE A "RELAPSE"-- BUT NOT TILL LANA'S WELL AGAIN!

